

Day Laborers in Summer, Delicate Artists in Winter

USSELS, March 25 .- Six months ago 40,000 rough-handed harvestrom the fields of France sturned for the winter to their n Flanders to undergo a meta sis almost as striking as the change of an ugly caterpillar into a georgeous butterfly. These laborers, b whom no tidy American housewill would intrust so much as a butter dist test it should be clumsily dropped and moken, spend their winters in making queels lace! Their coarse, hard hands weave patterns almost as delicate as cobwebs, and. furthermore many of the men can lay claim to be ing artists of high rank, making their designs with a taste and feeling that would be noteworthy in graduates of art schools. Their delicate tasks ompleted, this army of lace-making laborers are preparing to go back to the fields.

the agricultural districts Wages in

PILLOW LACE MAKING. The lace most made by these Flen sh workers is pillow lace made will bobbins. To an observer unskilled i the graft the making of pillow had

mus complicated beyond comprehe sion, but its complication is more bobbin-work can be taught child in a few lessons. It is true of patient labor are necessary to one a master of the craft, but nereasing difficulty there lies but of lace-making, for an artis The learner of lace-work w aild be a master, at each adv ad he finds bimself no more mechan nt an artist wh hings beautiful

vith an artist's love

Is a magnificent altar cloth of lace, made by an inhabitant of Lierre, and offered by him to the church. The don-or's wife, when dying, asked him to work a piece of lace for the church, and he, that the wish might be fulfilled most worthilly, spent 15 years in manu-facturing his offering. This hace was exhibited at Fransels, where it gained a first prize and was yalued at theose food is the second statement of the offi-class of the second statement of the second statement of the second statement of the second statement is may appear, but one pot far below the average flay of a laboring man in Flandars, which, according to the offi-cial returns, is 34 cents a day, without food

NUNS TEACH CHILDREN.

baying to go unbaught to work olds. After a few wooks' in-the school children make lage tiny village near the Bel-

mender works with

offered for sule in the shops MIDDLE MEN'S PROFITS.

enthings of the lace mal profit to Princess Albert of Belgian, wife of the heir to the Belgian throne intermediaries always have record Intermediaries always have reaped the profits of the lase trade. For centuries after its invention, at the end of the Crusades, immense sums were paid for lace work, but from he day it was first made down to the resent time no pecord shows that a e makey over was onriched by his The district of Alost, on the frontion of Flanders furthest from Zo-ye-ate, half an hour's journey from Brussels, is lesigns and traceries he discovers in the home of thousands of Brussels is

hedge rowa and trees, to reproduce them later in his work—that Flemish ince owed its early popularity. The Flemish workers from the beginning avoided slavish reproductions of the foothic designs of Italian point. They borrowed largely from the flora of their own country and produced de-sians of surpassing beauty. Their tra-dition has been handed down unbrok-dition has been handed down unbrok-ation has been handed down unbrok-ation has been handed down unbrok-dition has been handed down unbrok-dition has been handed down unbrok-ation has been handed down unbrok-their multiy makes them seem likes promes near the well dryesiset citizen -by whem they plas. During the sam-mer months fleey lice in the brick fields neighbors roundabout.

THE TRANSFORMATION.

those return to their native vil with their rough hands; they arfrequent them. They prefer to stay at home and make lace, the delightful and easy trade the nums taught them in the village schools.

JOY OF WORKING.

Flemish men work at ince for inco-making are turned to ad work is laid as sought in dancing saloons, on merry go-rounds, and in the side-shows where quacks and marvels are to be

distant that they cannot return home when winter comes. During the win-ter months you will find the kitchen in nearly every village house in Fland-ers crowded by a family, men and women, arandparents, parants and volutiven, all occupied in lace work. Many of these people send their sons from the primary schools to special lines schools. In one of these, the line schools. Inglemunster, there are listant that they cannot are school at Inglomunstor, there are hundred bay pupils.

work of the Flemish lacemakers may be the total amount of their earnings by it must be infinitesimal in compar-tion with the total amount paid for the lace by those who wear it. The contrast between the summer and winter occupations of these Flein-ish workers, between their horny bands and the between their horny do, is dramatic, but it is a contrast in things uncommital. Though these men are inarticulate, they have the scale of attack and worve dreams into the members of their lace. It is impossible to form an exact es- JOHN DE COURCY MACDONNELL.

of Fianders are so small and families so large that in summer the women are forced to do the field work at home, while the men go forth in thousands to earn higher pay as harvestors m France or bricklayers in Brussels, Love of their native villages draws Love of their native villages draws them back in the autumn, but about these villages there is no work to be There are many men in Flanders who It i had in the winter time. It is then the men turn to lacemaking, a trade they have learned from their mothers | work for gain make lace which is fin

make the finest lace, but they are gen-erally men of easy circumstances, who do not sell their work. Those who

BEAUTIFUL DESIGNS. It is to such mon as my friend the road mender of Zeeveote-who as he strolls along the roads on his offi-sial rounds stores in his mind the

torir summer having. In white, is a summer, they arise at 4 orlock in is morning, and use at work by half ist 4 or 5. There is no work out of abre for them in the dark winter days, and there is no source of distric-tion to their villages for these men of soher race. They are neither gauilless nor gossips. The village ale houses very places, clean and warm, fur-with comfortable chairs and ta-Customer's may make themselveat home in them for as many hours as they wish to linger, by the exp addrard of less than a cent on a "drop" of

ALL ARE LACEMAKERS.

know what surprises these

sleeves for you. That is why

American women have up their

they muld not be dull if they tried,"

said the Marquis de Soveral, Portu-

guess ambussador hero and special pal

or the king, the other day, when speak-

ing about Mrs. William Rocksfeller.

During her brief stay in London also

managed to be the talk of the town.

She took people by storm with her

quality ways, her stumpling freeks, all

designed and made by removied French

artistes. by her lowests which must

have some out of the palace of Aladdin, and has but not least by nor wit and somet sayings. Hence of the latter conclud the king, who is determined to

fourthed the king, who is determined to income better acquisited with the indy when the oppertually offers. The rea-son for her visit was to be presented at one of the courts, the use meant

also to stay on for some little time. Our sentiler, however, behaved an arrow-tously, the manuferable cold and groom

playing haves with her spirits, that she was soon on her way to the south of France, possibility to look us up again

HERE REWELL DECIMPIES.

People will continue to talk for so

net was interesting eventy of and any phires. There was a little softwaring of white tails shourd the toolter and a touch of the same insterial at the aboves fare for this you could see little size but wapplified. She read an-other jewel dress half compared of em-eradam frontiful aboves standard about the

the consider on the windefibers, around the dailing runne of chiffion winters a over an under draw of antin. The fact was arrising and draw Rischelation

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Darie. Another tright she surplied every-one by arriving in the simplest of fracks, minus jousness has bair their ap-with a band of sibbon. Bone papie vowed they preferred has, by fas, in the latter stray. The Marchioness of Londonderry and Mrz. George Kopped ato the two worsen who possess the finest ameralds of any society woman in England, but theirs are nothing to

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Polish Don Juan Who Marries Four Girls

Special Correspondence.

ODZ, Poland, March 22 .- To get married to four girls within the

space of twice as many years is not so rare a thing, but to live with each peaceably, to leave them on the best of terms, and then to invite them all to tea in prison and introduce them to one another as colleagues is at least an original idea. Yet that is exactly what a young carpenter named Charles Szymanski, who left Warsaw years ago to neek work in bad masses sung for his soul. the provinces, has done.

At the beginning of his wanderings he visited the town of Zgierz, and made was soon in demand as a workman. all the young men's heads before Charles arrived on the scene. Then she left them in the lurch and fell meriously in love with Szymanski, who returned her affections and proposed marriage. At first Stephania's father obsected. "I know nothing about the boy," was his protest. But Stephania grew pale and thin, refused to eat her meals and cried hor pretty eyes red and swollen. The charming Charles earned a great deal of money because he was quick and clover and the old. father, going to Warmaw for a huliday. could find out nothing against his daughter's lover. Ho, finally, he gave his consent and they were married in a manner that is remembered in Lods to this day.

had been called to do a job. But as the days went on and he did not come back, people shook their heads and called Stephania's father an old fool for matrying his daughter to the first stranger instead of giving her to a man everybody knew. Her marriage portion, placed in the savings bank, disappeared at the same time as the husband, Nevertheless, the faithful Siephania declared he had been drowned or kidnaped, went into mourning, and

SECOND ESCAPADE.

The lively young curpenter, far, from being dead, settled in a town-miles tables and oupboards so well that he away from here and found work with a rich master carpenter named Basna Dark, slight, and good-looking, he Needless to say he changed his name, pleased all the arthuns' daughters and and called himself Szepanuski, Needless wives immensely. The belle of the to add that the well-to-do Baran had a town was a 17-year-old daughter of a daughter named Mary. If Mary was not as beautiful as Stephania and had beautiful as Stephania and the susceptible Charlie was very som head over ear in love with her. Baran, though the was old and could not manage his me and before a month was over Charlis was doing it for him. Before three sad passed he was Buran's son-in-law, head of the workshop and Reeper of the purse. But though all who came in touch with him were janlous, they could touch with him were period. they could find nothing to say against him, be-source he was gay, hard-working out a model humband. This union was blesse-ed by the arrival of a daughter who is the arrival of a daughter who arrival desired should be hap-tized Stephania. Though his young with know hobedy of that name she arrived lagrand.

CHARLES DISAPPEARS.

When two years had passed on the ry maiversary of their woulding day, e fickle Charles disappeared Altrough

Mary had a cearch made he trace of him was to be found. She doctared to had been untrifered by handits because

called himself Charles Miler. He aci-nifted he was a carpenter but took no orders and sought no work. His aunt had left him a near little run, he sold, and all be wanted to do was to settle down with a nice girl and open a chop. Needless to say, the wives of all the small tradesmen in the town ran after him for their daughters. Through he had money of his own, he found a girl, Leocadia Dockant with more, and mar-ried-her. She was just 19 and not bad booking. But though he had money and a wife he did not settle down or open a shop. In spite of his father-in-

upon a shop, in spite of his father-in-aw's remonstrances. LEAVES WITH THE MONEY.

This mulon, though it gave no cause or gousip, appears to have based the oung man considerably, for, when he ad been martied about a year he left. Kutno one evening without tailing his wile where he was going. She, too, nontrad him and bought six masses his soul. She declared he had been and and hanged in mistake for body else. Secking contolation to work she said she would open the shop her husband had talkest so much about. Her father went to the bank for him nd came back rights. Chardle lad cubdrawn every cent of the money be morning before he disappeared.

the morning before he disappeared. The indicating before he disappeared. The fille town of Wroolaw on the following day received an addition is is population in the shape at a yoning who would his name was Braikhe-who. He wanted, he said to buy a house. The same thing, of course, is population of 15 years called Sabina and began to pay attentions to her, she was quite well off-her papa, kept a susange along where alle sometimes ad-and very geodelooking in a buxon why. They were mutried. Whithing satisfies the value of the said of the her base of the massage and left the form of the massage and left the town witheat willing anybody about the plane. Subina evaluated of the her busines are also been mar-ried as mentions and are quits thin. Her rapis, a practical sort of man, tob the points and are quits thin. Her rapis, a practical sort of man, tob the plane and are quits thin. Her rapis, a practical sort of man, tob the plane and are pro-as an the fill than ever. ARDESTED ON SUSPICION.

the bus and cry for her bushand, cer-tain spheres in the little fown of Kuino by the arrival of an elegant youth who called himself Charles Miler. He all will and set his cap for a ma-son's daughter, plain, but well off. Everybody booked on them as engaged when an unfortunate thing happened. Everybools booked on them as engaged when an unfortunate tiding hisperied. The young corportion and put into the own prime. The fact of the matter was that his passport aboved signs of having been tampered with and the owner's name laoked very worn out and scalehed.

owher's name hore of very worn out and scratched. Even when in prison the lively Charlies nerve did not forsake him Having won aver the juder by meane of eligitatine and ancohore he begged for paper, tak and a pan, and arous for barge biters which, by another bribs, he managed to get posted. Then he sai in his cell and waited After nome time four good looking wamen arrived at the prison office. Each, with teurs to her eyes, asked to get a prisoner; one sold she had come to visit Mr. Byymenski, the second, Mr Szep-auski, the third Mr. Miler and the fourth, Mr. Bratklewick, The clerk words do the prison bare any of the names. The wemen looked at each other was sold they had received let-ters from such a gottleman. There is no knowing how being they would have remaked in this state of maceduality had not a young woman arrived from the team and added from the frances and remained in this state of underlimity had not a young woman arrived from the town and asked for Mr. Fulchalski. The Warder went, for Charles and when he atrived all the young women gave shricks of Joy, and rushed to gave shrives of joy, and rushed to three thermolyces upog his need. But chartes, who had told them all to come on the same day did not lone his pre-ence of mind. Turning to the action-label clerk as introduced the fadles to him with the smills that had charm-ed and held so many hearts.

THA PARTY IN JAIL

"This is my first wife, Stephania," "This is my first wife, Stephania," he waid "This is my second Mary; this is my third, Isocadia; this is my fourth. Solution, who has growp so this that size is most graceful. And this," he concluded, pointing to the girl from the boun and howing to the others, "Is Scothis who, but for the isoked for circumstances, would have here up fith. I acked you all to tra-this offeriorn because, as I have inn-all and you all love ms, you ought to have the another for my take." It would be hard to describe the im-

The fine way the pairs they were the hap-phest pair in the world. A child way have and they were the envy of the town. One day, however, Charles did not come back to dinner and a neighbor raid she saw him get into the Waraway train. Stephania did not believe her get shut up in the fortress, where he

ing for sound one to come forward

KAJETAN DUNHAR.



The Vexed Question of Human Sacrifice in the Worship.

That the hold which the Wesdoo tite line on the prophs of Haiti is tronger than the power of the church s allown by the fact that the day be fore the writer's importion of a vonlos temple in the mountains, where a sno six goalakin drums, a itom athelic priest had visited the distri and made his constrained conditional on the people destroying their instru-ments, but they refused. The govern-ment down not as a rule, interfere with the practice of the cult on acmust of the political influence of its

The question whether human fields is The question whether human field is now eatern in cornection with the voc-doe consumities is a perplexing one, which it is impossible to answer with any degree of confidence. Local opin-ton is divided on the matter Suma assert that the practice is secretly in yogue: others ontegorically deny it has been an econylones of any such saturifice. The contentiator which the bas been at econylones of any such saturifice. The contentiator which the vertice entry is an ore-genized buman martles taking place as a part of the vockes is remonial, but that in ordinary the an oversaonal instance of cantibalism mechanics coup-tive when the perpetuator, probably interfer conset occur in dividual coup-irles—where the perjectrator, probably from a tribe of conthropophing, becom-ing temporarily immun or highly ex-effed, recercts to the abortiginal house. It should be added that public option generally reproductive the act, and the advanted Hattier is theroughly schemos the doanted Hattier is theroughly schemos the country—Lembor Times.

HE SWUNG HER NO MORE.

it was at a suburban dame, and the

English Society After Rockefeller Millions

Special Correspondence. T ONDON, March 23,-"You never Mrs. William Rockefeller's, She was made a great fuse of at the embassy where one night all her friends were trying to induce her to take a home-here for the season, but, I hear, she would make no promises.

LITERARY DISCHESS.

Great Interest is taken in the forth Great interest is taken in the forfl-coming novel by the Duchess of Mini-chester which, if her friends apeak the truth, is full of good things. In it several well known perpetus are but thinly velied. The duchass has before all things is keen sense of humor, pictury of intuition and a most feells pen. Further, her style is bright and amazing. But her grace's hook is being very carstally edited by her dimension and dimension motorer-in. there discrete very currently edited by her discrete and dimension mether-in-haw, the Deswager Directers of Many-chester, who invests upon having a way to the suffice. Take is a pity, as con-sequently it is feared much of the vi-vialons mather will be blue-pendled. The fact is the young duriness down not curve a feather about society with a big st thank to ber own friends she is derived. Hut as her mether-in-load devaled. Hut as her mother-in-law a formation lander of acciety and these to consider her. assisty the autio dischargers and the fluxed are a great flow moment in Blarritz and one a great flow of the king. Mr. Zimmerings is a linker of the Arris of stilling. He part and her lumband just as if they were off. By all maximums, in manage regulation, this functions is quite an isometry with the hundrand. Mr. Similaritation gives the manual that and that product trained by of the own property and finite them already

Missi lindige was one of the first Ametrodus to trivelate primites at her partice and new Mrs. Hamilton Mecha-nick, Mrs. Malitain Drimming and many others have adopted them and they are all the rage. Grave and re-orend nam, fulfy matrices, dowagers, university man and backelar ware; are all to be found in drawingroems

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